It is claimed:

1. A computer-implemented method of modifying a data list by a user within a graphical user interface, comprising the steps of:

    providing a first control that operates within the graphical user interface;

    manipulating the first control to access a second control, wherein the second

5 control includes the data list; and

    modifying the data list after accessing the second control.

2. The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising the step of storing the modified data list in a data source.

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3. The method as defined in claim 2 wherein the data source is a database.

4. The method as defined in claim 2 wherein the data source consists of two or more selected from the group consisting of a database, a record source, a dynamic data item generator, and

15 combinations thereof.

5. The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the data list includes data items, the method further comprising the step of adding a new data item to the data list after accessing the second control.

20 6. The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the data list includes data items, the method further comprising the step of deleting a data item from the data list after accessing the second control.

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7. The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the data list includes data items, the method further comprising the step of renaming a data item after accessing the second control.

8. The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising the step of indicating a selection status of a selected data item.

9. The method as defined in claim 8 wherein the selection status is presented proximate to the selected data item.

10. The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising the step of selecting multiple data items and modifying as a group the selected multiple data items.

11. The method as defined in claim 10 further comprising the step of indicating the selection status of each selected data item.

12. A computer-implemented graphical user interface, comprising:

a first control operative within the graphical user interface;

a second control accessible through the first control; and

a plurality of data items accessible through the second control and modifiable

5   after accessing the second control.

13. The graphical user interface as defined in claim 12 further comprising an overview selection

status box that indicates to a user whether any of the data items are selected when the second

control is hidden from the user.

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14. The graphical user interface as defined in claim 12 further comprising a tri-state overview

selection status box that indicates to a user whether any of the data items are selected when the

second control is hidden from the user.

15   15. The graphical user interface as defined in claim 12 further comprising an individual selection

status box associated with each of data items and operative to indicate the selection status of the

associated data items.

16. The graphical user interface as defined in claim 12 wherein the data items are retrieved from

20   a data source, said data source being selected from a group consisting of a database, a record

source, a dynamic data item generator, and combinations thereof.